

While his work on Mr. Harvey's case was notable in its own right, Alvin found national recognition for the integral role he played in the development and passage of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act. Identifying the legal barriers stymying the prosecution of civil rights era cold cases, he pushed for the creation of a bill that would enable the federal government to reopen and pursue racially motivated, pre-1969 cold cases. As a direct result of the bill's passage, over one hundred cases were reopened and investigated under the U.S. Department of Justice's Cold Case Initiative. Consequent to his actions and passion for justice, over a hundred families across the country have been able to gain some sense of closure where none had been before.

Alvin's work to rectify the shortcomings of the civil rights era justice system did not stop with the passage of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act. In 2010, Alvin was able to reopen the murder case of Leon Jordan, a former Kansas City policeman and cofounder of the city's local, Black political organization known as Freedom, Inc. Equipped with his intimate understanding of the legal system and with newfound evidence, he sought to bring forth justice for Mr. Jordan. While his investigation and efforts into the case did not lead to a prosecution, Alvin did not consider this a failed effort. As he once stated, "My brand is that I go for the truth and, if possible, justice. That formula hasn't failed me yet. Find the truth. After that, justice may be possible."

Alvin's lifelong commitment to finding the truth and seeking justice and closure for those whom it had been denied is one that deserves to be memorialized in the annals of history. Without his guiding hand, historic legislation within the state of Missouri and in the halls of Congress may not have been brought into reality. Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating and honoring the life and accomplishments of Alvin Sykes, a man that was truly larger than life. Let his legacy live on in the closure and peace that his work may still bring to the families that have yet to find answers.

**CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH AND HONORING  
DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA**

**HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, although Women's History Month recently concluded, it is never too late to honor Florida women who have made outstanding contributions to their community and to our country.

Today I rise to honor Daniella Levine Cava. Daniella, who is originally from New York City, moved to Miami in 1980 after graduating from Yale University and Columbia Law School. She spent a decade working for the Legal Services of Greater Miami and for the Guardian Ad Litem program, which gives a voice to young children in our legal system. In 1996, Daniella founded the innovative Catalyst Miami. Since its inception, Catalyst has created paths to economic prosperity for approximately 5,000 people each year.

In 2014, Daniella was elected to the Miami-Dade County Commission, and she was re-elected in 2018. In November 2020, Daniella made history when she was elected as Miami-Dade County's first-ever woman Mayor. As Mayor, she has been a fierce advocate for her three million constituents—advocating for young children, increased affordable housing, opportunities for small businesses, and improved public transportation.

As an attorney, as an activist, and now as an elected official, Daniella Levine Cava has never stopped fighting for South Florida families.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Mayor Daniella Levine Cava.

**CELEBRATING THE JONES FAMILY**

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of Rock Hill's greatest former athletes and loving parents, Tim and Jackie Jones. It has been my privilege to learn of the successes of Tim and Jackie and their talented daughters, Jada and Layla.

Tim was a standout Bearcat at Rock Hill High who played in the 1989 Shrine Bowl before dominating in football as a collegiate level linebacker. He was a two-time All-ACC starter who led the Clemson Tigers in tackles for three consecutive seasons. Only one player has accomplished that feat since. Nicknamed "The Hitman" for his punishing tackles in high school, Tim went on to accumulate 338 tackles in college. Among a plethora of distinguished titles and awards, he was a sophomore All-American in 1992, an Honorable Mention All-American in both 1993 and 1994, and the team's Most Valuable Player in 1994. Tim pursued a banking career in Charlotte before returning to Rock Hill High as an assistant football coach. He will always be remembered as Clemson's best No. 56.

Before running cross country at the University of South Carolina, Jackie set records in

track and field at Rock Hill High. She shared pointers with her daughter, Jada, who broke those records as a freshman in 2019. The elite athlete has also persevered through extreme hardship. Jackie was previously diagnosed with both stomach cancer and breast cancer. Despite undergoing a bilateral mastectomy, her breast cancer returned shortly after. She remains optimistic and continues to fight this ongoing battle with persistence and grace. Currently, Jackie serves her community as principal of Mt. Holly Elementary School. She is a faithful and inspirational leader to all.

Tim and Jackie are blessed to have raised two high-achieving Bearcats of their own. An unmatched high school basketball star, "eternal optimist" Jada has the speed, build, and athleticism to carry her teammates through any season. As a varsity guard, she led her basketball team through the playoffs and plans to rejoin the soccer and track teams this spring, as well. Her little sister Layla, who plays on the Junior Varsity team, seeks advice from Jada and hopes to soon follow in her footsteps.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Jones family's athletic accomplishments. They are living legends, and I am proud to acknowledge their substantial contributions to our community.

**FERNANDO BEGAY**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 8, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Fernando Begay for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Fernando Begay is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Fernando Begay is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Fernando Begay for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.